



# Governor's Council on Agricultural Education



## Meeting Minutes January 23, 2017

The meeting of the Governor's Council on Agricultural Education was called to order by chair, Will Fett, at 2:33pm on Monday, January 23, 2017 in room 112 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa.

### Present:

Members: Caitlin Remington, Kent Klemme, Brea Harms, Will Fett, DeAnn Sindergard (by phone), and Kala Miller (by phone).

Ex officio members: Pradeep Kotamraju, IDOE (by phone); Elisa Russ, Iowa FFA; Ben Kenobbie, PAS (by phone); Mike Naig, IDALS (by phone)

Guests: Scott Johnson

Absent: Sue Benning, Dale Gruis, and Larry Marek

Minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting were read. **Sindergard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Remington seconded. Motion pass by voice vote.**

### Chair Report

- Updates from the Office of Boards and Commissions
- Term clarifications--expiration years are below:
  - 2017: Benning, Miller, Gruis
  - 2018: Remington, Sindergard, Marek
  - 2019: Klemme, Harms, Fett
- Reappointment procedures:
  - Those appointed must seek re-appointment every three years if still interested in being on the council. Application and procedure for submitting interest can be found: <https://openup.iowa.gov/board/189/Agricultural+Education,+Council+on/>
  - Ex-officio individuals including PAS and FFA presidents will join the council based on their year of service
- Review historical notes (legislative proposals from years past)
- Will has submitted all changes to current verbiage for consideration this legislative session to be addressed in an Iowa Code clean-up bill
- Digital access to documents and archives. These will be on the <https://openup.iowa.gov/board/189/Agricultural+Education,+Council+on/> website in the future. Bookmark this site.

## Unfinished Business

- Review of the Gubernatorial Appointee Handbook
  - All meetings are open and public, as are the records and minutes
  - If non-members do attend, voting will be restricted to those on the council (no guests will vote)
  - If a member wishes to leave the council, has a name change, or has an address change, that information must be shared in writing with the Office of Boards and Commissions in the governor's office.
- Confirm Council Plan of Work:
  - Awards to recognize outstanding agriculture education programs (focus of January meeting)
  - SAEs (focus of March meeting)
  - Teacher recruitment and retention: review report and decide next steps (focus of June meeting)
  - Quality program standards review (focus of September meeting): Klemme noted that establishing standards is the primary task of this group, as outlined in the Iowa Code re: the council.
  - Goal: file/submit report or recommendations by October to ensure inclusion in legislative process if necessary
  - Discussion during the meeting on other topics that members believe should also be in consideration for the annual program of work:
    - Larger strategic direction should be kept in mind: Fett indicated that this is a rebuilding year to lay a foundation.
    - Funding mechanism: Fett shared documents from ~10 years ago that included a proposal to change the funding mechanism for agriculture education in Iowa.
    - House file 2392: Will go into effect in June 30. Bulk of next year's work will focus on program approvals and setting up multi-year plans. Kotamraju explained that this will doesn't provide funds to build centers. Funds will be distributed to partnerships and that the partnerships will use funds for the benefit of the partnerships. CTSOs will continue to exist, etc.
      - It could be within the group's space to suggest that an evaluation of the impact of the house file on local agriculture education programs. Or to lead an evaluation of impact on programs
      - It could also be a task of this group to define the values of agriculture education and how those are supported or minimized with HF2392. For example, agriculture education relies on the three circle model of education. How might HF2392 affect the classroom component of that educational model?
      - It could also be a task of this council to work with Team AgEd and/or the Dept. of Education to ensure the smooth implementation of HF2392.
    - Current state CTE consultant gap: Kotamraju discussed the desire to not continue having this gap. The posting will be public and visible when it posts.

- Award Application – status updates and next steps <https://form.jotform.com/wfett/excellence-in-agriculture>
  - Reviewed high-level information requested in the application and considered additional fields (FFA district? FFA chapter number? Administrator information?)
  - Nominee information:
    - Discussed if the award areas are the right items. Johnson suggested that keeping them consistent this year, as they may change after we evaluate quality program standards
    - Sindergard suggested including minimum and/or maximum lengths for areas. Harms suggested that a rubric accompanying the application should help the nominee to include the right information in the nomination
    - Kotamraju suggested consideration for other awards in the rubric
    - Ensure ability to create and save this
    - Council will receive applications from Will by 3 March. Due date of rubrics to Will by 19 March. Intent is that 31 March is when we will have winner information to Iowa FFA Association for script purposes.
    - Brea and Dee will work on the rubric based on quality standards and IACTE award
    - Will will work on coordinating production of the physical awards
    - Dee will attend convention for the group
    - Action taken:
      - Added reference to the rubric in the nominee page info area
      - Got consistent in the request for examples in the various award areas
      - Changed 'this school district'-type references to 'your school district'
      - Added a due date for the awards of 1 March.
      - Added a statement around when the winners and nominators will be recognized during the 3rd session of the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.

## New Business

- Discuss \$10K funding available from Perkins allocation
  - Two pools of money:
    - \$2,500: Members can expense travel, etc. for council meeting. Method to expense is not yet known, but keep receipts, etc.
    - \$7,500: Used for programmatic items. Pradeep will determine if this money can roll over, and Will will communicate at the next meeting
      - In-service at IAAE conference was consensus. Scott to prepare a short list of key potential topics and provide to Will: Preservice teachers? SAE?
      - 2018 target: quality program standards from National and Iowa?

The next meeting will be March 27, 2017 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. Conference line will be provided. Meeting will be from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.**